FINALLY, THE STORY COMES TO A CLIMAX!!
kaw
A-AH...
Oh God! Dear God!
KAW
KAW
EVEN WHEN I WAKE UP, NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
VAAN!
THE SHOPPING DISTRICT WAS SAVED THANKS TO THE GRAVITY SYSTEM, BUT...
OH, FATHER...
POW
Argh!
I'm fed up with you!
HAVE THEY BEEN AT IT ALL THIS TIME?
!
BENTEN-SAN*, YOU GUYS ARE AWAKE?
YES, WE'RE MONIT-ORING...
MONIT-ORING?
*BENTEN IS THE GODDESS OF KNOWLEDGE, ART AND BEAUTY.

THERE IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO US INSIDE THIS SHOPPING DISTRICT.
WITH THE POWER DOWN LIKE IT IS NOW...
THAT MAKES US COMPLETELY VULNERABLE.
SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO THE GODS...?
I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT.
ANY-WAY, WHERE ARE WE?
MIYA-ZAKI.
MIYA-ZAKI?!
CHEAP-SKATE!
IS IT SWEETS?!
OF COURSE NOT!!

THE REGION RENOWN FOR MANGOES AND CHICKEN NANBAN*...!!
Chicken Nanban
Mango
RECENTLY, THERE'S ALSO SO-CALLED "WTF DUMPLINGS*."
There's also cheese dumplings
*WHITE MISO AND SESAME PASTE DUMPLINGS WRAPPED IN A SWEET-SOUR- SALTY AND SLIGHTLY SPICY SAUCE.
EXCUSE ME... IT LOOKS LIKE THE REPAIRS WILL TAKE SOME TIME...
TAKE CARE OF IT.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED A HAND.
*"WTF DUMPLINGS" CONTAIN SWEET AZUKI PASTE, STRAWBERRY, CHEESE, AND CHESTNUT
WHAT ABOUT MEAT?
WHERE CAN WE GET SOME?
"WTF DUMPLINGS"?!
This
HEY... DON'T GET DISTRACTED, BENTEN.
HEY!
OF COURSE NOT!

*THIS IS A WORK OF FICTION. ANY RESEMBLANCE TO ANY ACTUAL PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR EVENTS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.

OH, MITAMA, PLEASE RETURN TO WORK ...
ZIP ピュー
KURO TOO ...!
SNAP
RUMBLE ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE ゴゴ
...LONG TIME NO SEE, BENZAI-TEN
SORRY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I CAME FOR...

MangaBox

Oh God! Dear God!

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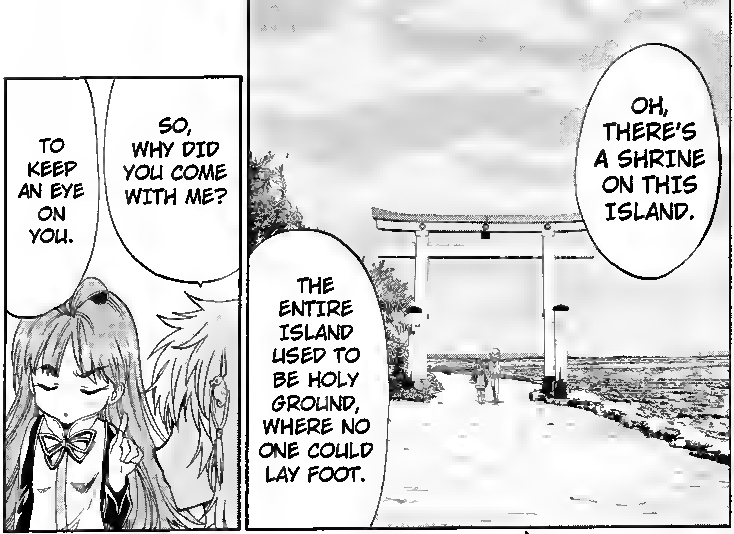
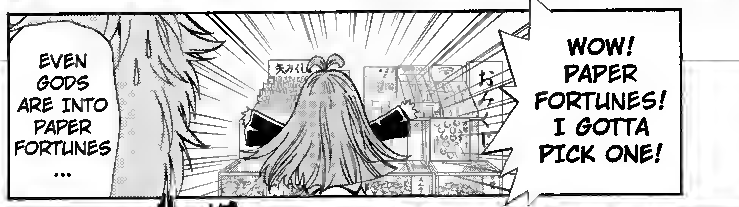
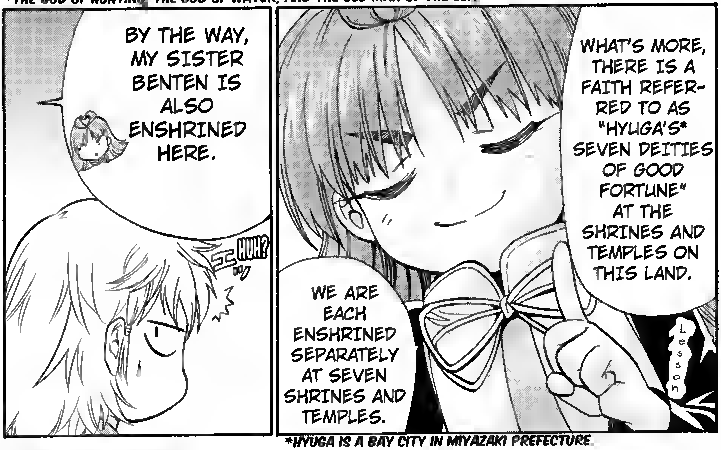

OH, THERE'S A SHRINE ON THIS ISLAND.
THE ENTIRE ISLAND USED TO BE HOLY GROUND, WHERE NO ONE COULD LAY FOOT.
SO, WHY DID YOU COME WITH ME?
TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.

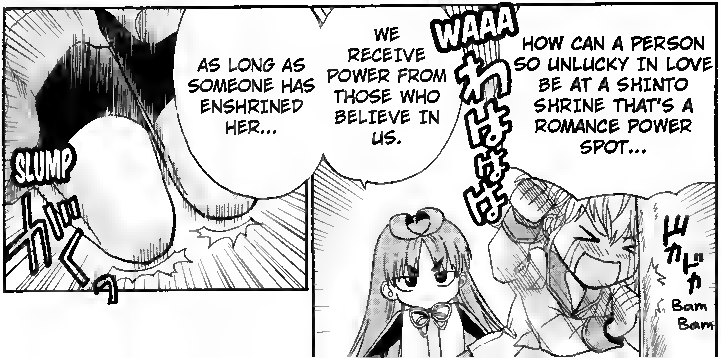

WOW! PAPER FORTUNES! I GOTTA PICK ONE!
EVEN GODS ARE INTO PAPER FORTUNES ...

NAH.
IT'S JUST A GAME ...
Crinkle Crinkle
DOOM
DOOM
KA-
YOU REALLY ARE INTO IT.
POW

*THE GOD OF HUNTING, THE GOD OF WATER, AND THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA


WHAT'S MORE, THERE IS A FAITH REFERRED TO AS "HYUGA'S* SEVEN DEITIES OF GOOD FORTUNE" AT THE SHRINES AND TEMPLES ON THIS LAND.
Lesson
WE ARE EACH ENSHRINED SEPARATELY AT SEVEN SHRINES AND TEMPLES.
BY THE WAY, MY SISTER BENTEN IS ALSO ENSHRINED HERE.
SLUMP

*HYUGA IS A BAY CITY IN MIYAZAKI PREFECTURE


HOW CAN A PERSON SO UNLUCKY IN LOVE BE AT A SHINTO SHRINE THAT'S A ROMANCE POWER SPOT...
WAAA
WE RECEIVE POWER FROM THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN US.
AS LONG AS SOMEONE HAS ENSHRINED HER...
SLUMP
Bam Bam

OH?
WHAT IS IT?
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
MY POWER HAS WEAKENED ...
SOMETHING IS GOING ON.
LET'S GO BACK TO THE SHOPPING DISTRICT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SOMETHING BAD MUST'VE HAPPENED.
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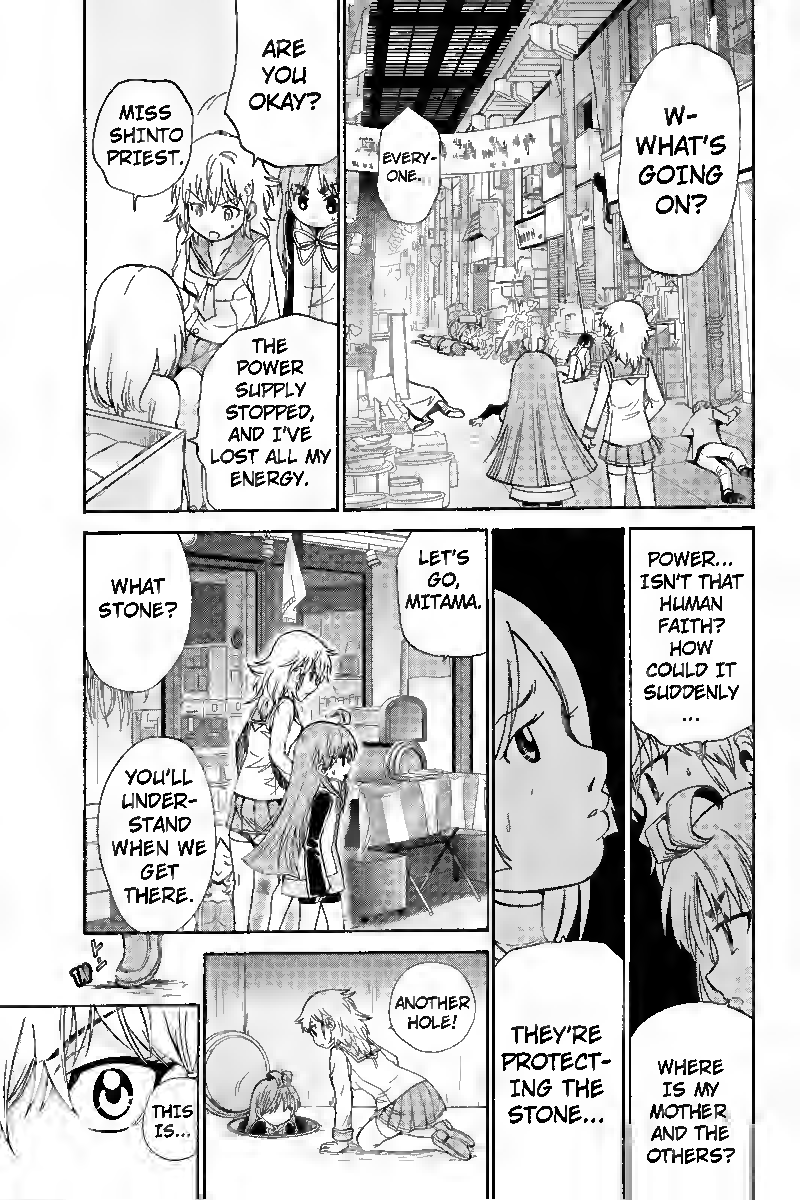
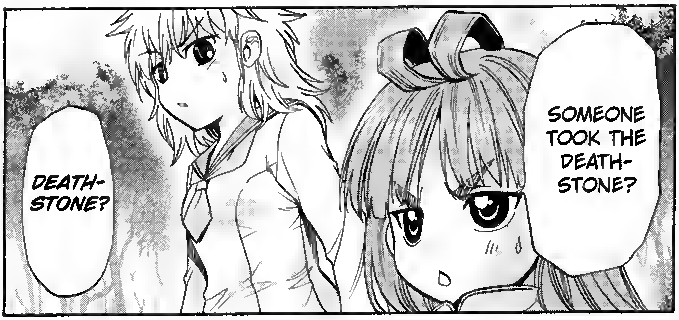
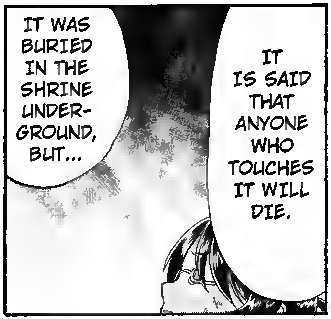
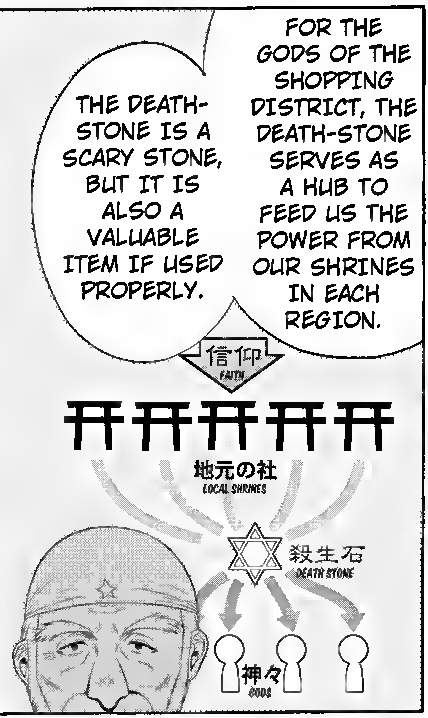

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
EVERY-ONE.
ARE YOU OKAY?
MISS SHINTO PRIEST.
THE POWER SUPPLY STOPPED, AND I'VE LOST ALL MY ENERGY.
POWER... ISN'T THAT HUMAN FAITH? HOW COULD IT SUDDENLY ...
WHERE IS MY MOTHER AND THE OTHERS?
THEY'RE PROTECT-ING THE STONE...
LET'S GO, MITAMA.
WHAT STONE?
YOU'LL UNDER-STAND WHEN WE GET THERE.
ANOTHER HOLE!
THIS IS...

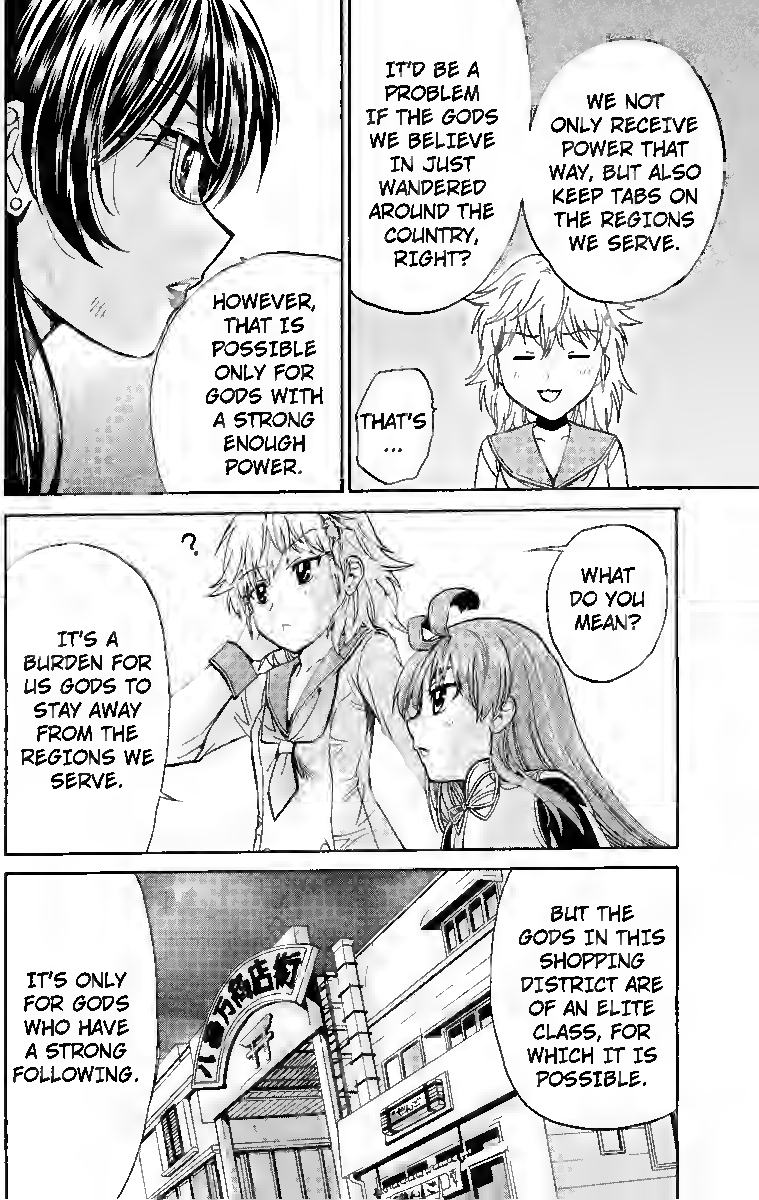
KURO, MITAMA-SAN,
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE...!
YOU GUYS ARE A MESS!
AND WHAT IS THIS PLACE ANYWAY ?!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
WHAT THE HELL HAPP-ENED ?!


SOMEONE TOOK THE DEATH-STONE?
DEATH-STONE?


IT IS SAID THAT ANYONE WHO TOUCHES IT WILL DIE.
IT WAS BURIED IN THE SHRINE UNDER-GROUND, BUT...

WHY WOULD SOME-THING LIKE THAT... OH!!
WERE YOU GONNA USE IT TO PUNISH ME?!
Of course not
WE RECEIVE POWER FROM THAT STONE.


FOR THE GODS OF THE SHOPPING DISTRICT, THE DEATH-STONE SERVES AS A HUB TO FEED US THE POWER FROM OUR SHRINES IN EACH REGION.
THE DEATH-STONE IS A SCARY STONE, BUT IT IS ALSO A VALUABLE ITEM IF USED PROPERLY.
信仰
FAITH
地元の社
LOCAL SHRINES
殺生石
DEATH STONE
神々
GODS


WE NOT ONLY RECEIVE POWER THAT WAY, BUT ALSO KEEP TABS ON THE REGIONS WE SERVE.
IT'D BE A PROBLEM IF THE GODS WE BELIEVE IN JUST WANDERED AROUND THE COUNTRY, RIGHT?
THAT'S ...
HOWEVER, THAT IS POSSIBLE ONLY FOR GODS WITH A STRONG ENOUGH POWER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
IT'S A BURDEN FOR US GODS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE REGIONS WE SERVE.
BUT THE GODS IN THIS SHOPPING DISTRICT ARE OF AN ELITE CLASS, FOR WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE.
IT'S ONLY FOR GODS WHO HAVE A STRONG FOLLOWING.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE THE ONES DOING THE FIELD WORK.
THERE ARE GODS WHO RESENT US BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T PARTICIPATE DUE TO LACK OF POWER.
LOSS OF FAITH AND OUR POWER GOES WITH THE TIMES.
IN PARTIC-ULAR, ONE GOD HAD TO LEAVE THIS SHOPPING DISTRICT ALONG THE WAY..
ISN'T THAT UNJUSTIFIED RESENTMENT?
EVEN IF YOU POINTED THAT OUT TO THE PERSON WHO STOLE THE STONE, THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
SO... IN OTHER WORDS...
SOME GOD WHO RESENTS YOU TOOK THE STONE, AND NOW THE GODS' POWERS HAVE WEAKENED?
WE'RE DONE TALKING NOW.
MITAMA-SAN, YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

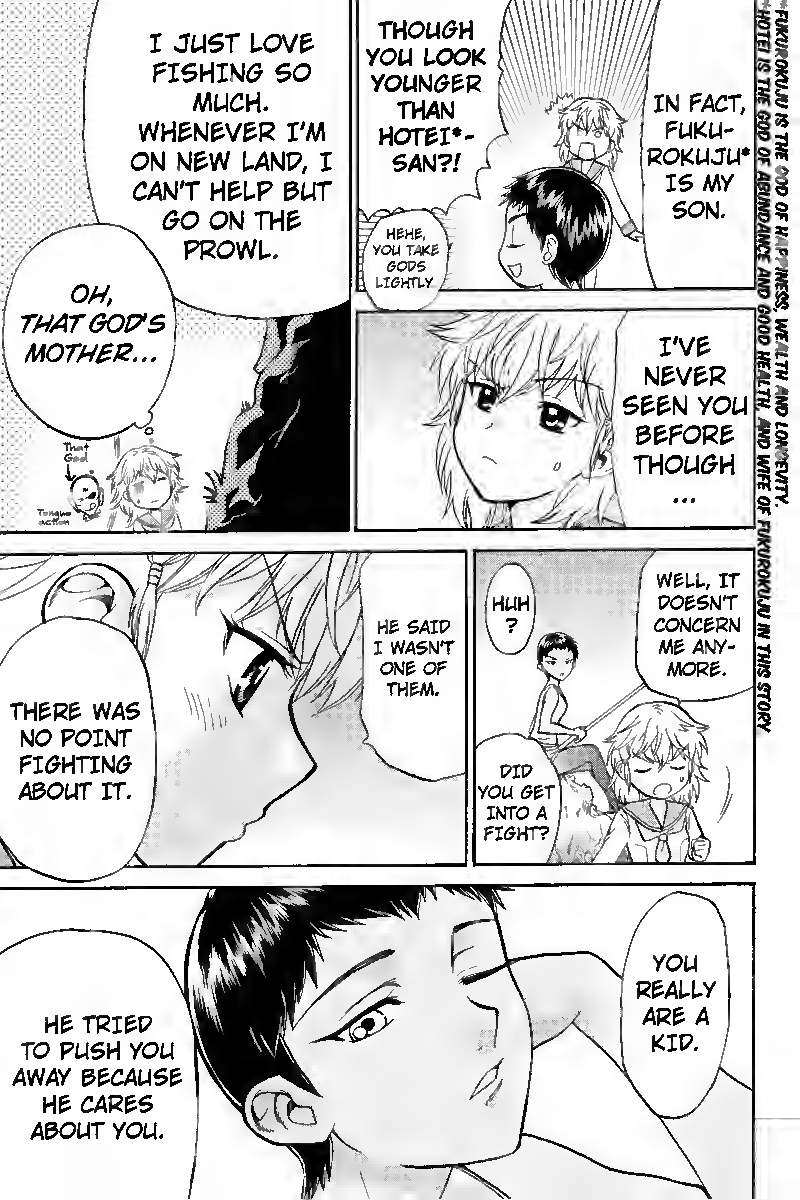
HUH?! WHY?!
WE SHALL USE OUR REMAINING POWER TO RETRIEVE THE STONE.
THEN, I'LL HELP TOO!
YOU MUSTN'T, MITAMA.
IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR POWER BACK...
WE GODS CANNOT DIE.
THAT ISN'T TRUE FOR YOU!
BUT...
I'LL DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES FOR MY FRIENDS ...
WHAT FRIENDS?!
DON'T BE ARR-OGANT, LITTLE GIRL!!
A SHINTO PRIEST IS A MERE HUMAN. DON'T GET INVOLVED IN GODS' TROUBLES !!

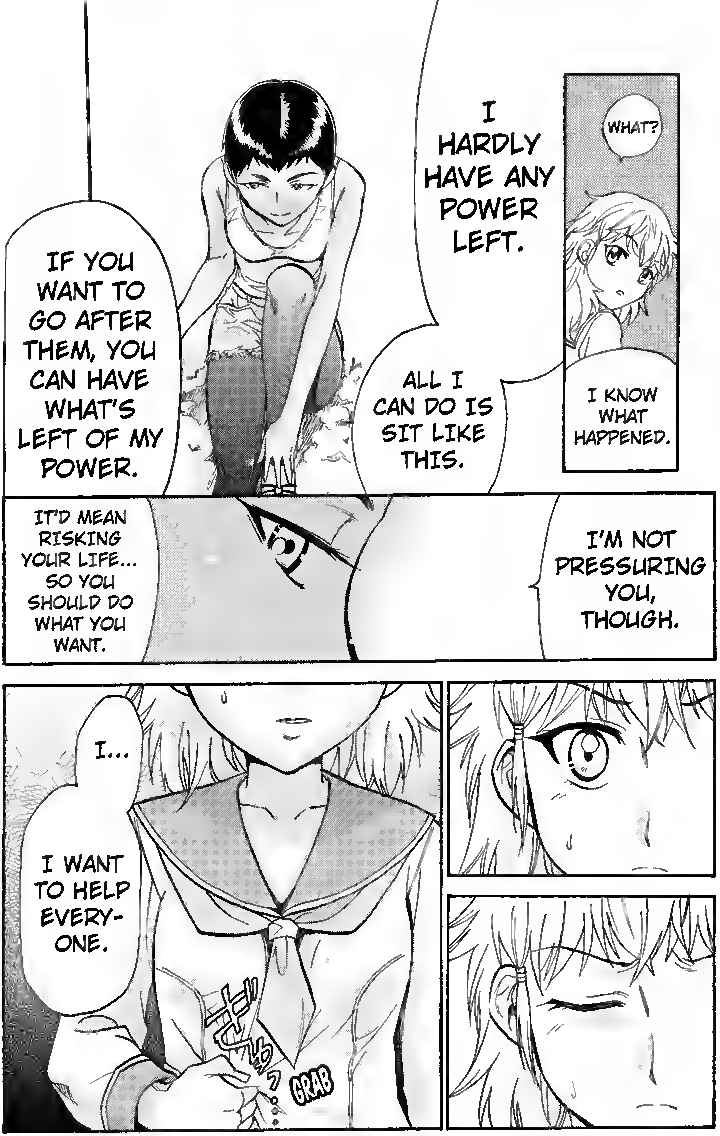
I GUESS I'M LUCKY TO GET OUT OF DOING ALL THAT WORK...
AH!
WHAT THE...
...!!
...HE DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT IT THAT WAY...

I HAD TO BE HARD ON HER OR SHE'D NEVER HAVE GIVEN UP.
SIGH
THAT'S TRUE...
WELL THEN, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
LET'S GO.
HEY!
HOW DO I GET BACK TO SAITAMA ?!
I'VE GOT NO MONEY, DO I HITCH-HIKE?

WATER GOD?!
ROLL
WHEEZE
WHY DID YOU COME WITH ME?
W-WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
DO I GO BACK TO THE SHOPPING DISTRICT?! NO, NOT THAT...
PANIC
DON'T BE ARROGANT, LITTLE GIRL!!
WHEEZE
GRIP
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GO BACK AFTER WHAT HE SAID...
!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SQUEEZ-ING HER.
W-WATER GOD!!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE NOT GETTING YOUR POWER...
WHEE-ZE..
LIMP

*EBISU IS THE GOD OF FISHERS AND MERCHANTS.


*FUKUROKUJU IS THE GOD OF HAPPINESS, WEALTH AND LONGEVITY.
*HOTEI IS THE GOD OF ABUNDANCE AND GOOD HEALTH, AND WIFE OF FUKUROKUJU IN THIS STORY
I JUST LOVE FISHING SO MUCH. WHENEVER I'M ON NEW LAND, I CAN'T HELP BUT GO ON THE PROWL.
OH, THAT GOD'S MOTHER...
That's Great
Tongue action
THOUGH YOU LOOK YOUNGER THAN HOTEI*-SAN?!
HEHE, YOU TAKE GODS LIGHTLY
IN FACT, FUKU-ROKUJU* IS MY SON.
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE THOUGH ...
THERE WAS NO POINT FIGHTING ABOUT IT.
HE SAID I WASN'T ONE OF THEM.
HUH ?
WELL, IT DOESN'T CONCERN ME ANY-MORE.
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?
HE TRIED TO PUSH YOU AWAY BECAUSE HE CARES ABOUT YOU.
YOU REALLY ARE A KID.


WHAT?
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.
I HARDLY HAVE ANY POWER LEFT.
ALL I CAN DO IS SIT LIKE THIS.
IF YOU WANT TO GO AFTER THEM, YOU CAN HAVE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY POWER.
I'M NOT PRESSURING YOU, THOUGH.
IT'D MEAN RISKING YOUR LIFE... SO YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT.
I...
I WANT TO HELP EVERY-ONE.
GRAB

THEY ARE MY FRIENDS THAT I LIVED ALONG-SIDE OF...
EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A SHORT TIME.
BRING THIS WITH YOU.
SWIK
THIS WILL?!
WELL THEN ...
TOYO-TAMA-HIME, TAKE HER WITH YOU.
SWOOSH
IT WILL SURELY COME IN HANDY SOMEHOW.

POP
WHA!
DASH
EE
EEE-EEE-EEEK
WHOOSH
GO YOUR BEST
I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
WATER GOD... W-WHY?
SQUISH